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SUBJECT: SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SURVEY OF PRC PRESS

REF: HONG KONG 727

1. NTIS PROVIDES DIRECT SPRCP SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SEVERAL BLOC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HUNGARY, POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HK CONGEN PROVIDING LOCAL SPRCP SUBSCRIPTIONS TO POLISH AND EGYPTIAN MISSIONS IN PEKING. AS CONGEN SUGGESTS THIS SHOULD NOT INCLUDE SUPPLEMENT SERIES. WE ASSUME EGYPTIAN COPY CAN BE SENT VIA EGYPTIAN CONGEN IN HONG KONG. WE LEAVE IT UP TO USLO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO ACT AS POSTMAN FOR THE POLISH MISSION'S COPIES. ALTERNATIVELY, THE POLISH EMBASSY COULD BE ADVISED TO ASK ITS FOREIGN MINISTRY TO OBTAIN A DIRECT SUBSCRIPTION FROM NTIS AND POUCH THE COPIES FROM WARSAW. AT PRESENT ALL OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS SENT OUT BY NTIS USE SURFACE MAIL. IF THE SUBSCRIBER IS PREPARED TO PAY, COPIES COULD BE SENT FOR EXAMPLE TO WARSAW BY INTERNATIONAL
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AIR MAIL. NTIS ADDRESS: NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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2. UP TO NOW OUR INCLINATION HAS BEEN NOT TO AUTHORIZE
THE USE OF CHINESE MAILS FOR EITHER CURRENT SCENE OR
SPRCP. HOWEVER, SINCE SPRCP IS STRICTLY TRANSLATION AND
PROMULGATION OF PRC PRONOUNCEMENTS AND PROPAGANDA FROM
JOURNALS AVAILABLE TO FOREIGNERS IT IS OF DIFFERENT NATURE
THAN CURRENT SCENE. CONSEQUENTLY, IF BELIEVED DESIRABLE,
WE COULD CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF DIRECT POSTING BY NTIS
OF SPR0P TO PEKING TO ANY SUBSCRIBERS WHO WISH TO PAY
POSTAGE. HONG KONG CONGEN WOULD STILL AVOID USE OF
CHINESE MAILS FOR THIS PURPOSE. POSTS' COMMENTS ARE
REQUESTED.
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